

**Minutes**  
**Judicial Education Committee Meeting**  
**April 26, 2002, 1:00-3:30 p.m.**  
**National City Center, Fourth Floor Conference Room**

1. Committee Members Present:

Bruce Embrey (chair), Earl Penrod, Ted Boehm, Bill Hughes, Patricia Riley, Barbara Collins, Ted Todd, Margret Robb, Doug Morton.

2. Staff Present:

Cathy Springer, Vicki Davis, Anne Jordan, and Jane Seigel provided staff support.

3. Minutes:

The minutes from the Committee Retreat on February 8, 2002, were approved.

4. Subcommittee Reports:

a. *Judicial College*. Earl Penrod reported that the Board of Directors of the Judicial Conference approved the concept of the "Indiana Judicial College Master's Certificate," at the March Board Meeting. An announcement about the Master's Certificate will be sent to all judicial officers within the next 30-45 days. That announcement will distinguish the Master's Certificate from the Indiana Judicial College certificate, CLE credit, and the Graduate Program for Judges. The subcommittee plans to make a presentation at the September conference on the Indiana Judicial College Master's Certificate, and is also working on the Masters level course for the September conference, tentatively titled "*The Experienced Judge: Common Errors and Pitfalls*."

b. *Orientation*. A tentative schedule of the Pre-Bench orientation was provided. The Pre-Bench will be held on December 11-12, 2002. The January orientation is scheduled for January 14-17, 2003, at the Westin Hotel.

c. *Technology*. Subcommittee chair Chris Burnham will return on May 1.

d. *Faculty Development*. Bill Hughes reported that Dr. Phillips was well received at the Spring Judicial College. The committee continues to exploring the idea of developing course advisors. A conference call will be scheduled prior to the June meeting.

3. Spring Judicial College:

a. *Evaluation*. The course evaluations were reviewed by the committee. Generally, all courses were well received. Discussion ensued regarding the evaluation course conducted by Dr. Louis Phillips. Dr. Phillips agreed that there is no perfect way to evaluate a course; however, including questions pertaining to participants' demographics along with doing a follow-up survey would be beneficial.

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b. *Attendance and Conference Goals and Objectives*. The number of judicial officers that attended at least one course during the April Judicial College is 229, which is comparable to the amount that attended in December. This fits with the goal of the Spring Conference of offering numerous course offerings and smaller class size. There were approximately 10% no-shows at each course.

4. Program Schedule for 2002:

a. *Graduate Program*. 30 judges will participate in year 2 of the Graduate Program on June 2-7.

b. *Juvenile Court Judicial Officers*. The annual meeting is scheduled for June 20-21, in Brown County.

c. *Judicial Conference*. The Annual Judicial Conference is September 11-13 at the Grand Wayne Center in Ft. Wayne.

5. Finalize topics for September Conference.

A tentative agenda was distributed and discussed. A keynote speaker has not yet been identified. The Committee agreed that there is a need for a positive, motivational speaker. It was reported that the Center is trying to reach Tom Morris, who spoke at a Judicial Conference in South Bend. Justice Boehm agreed to inquire about the possibility of inviting a Justice from the U.S. Supreme Court. The Plenary session for Thursday is on the new Jury Rules. The Committee decided that all of the repeat break-out sessions that morning should also be on the new jury rules. The Master's level course will be held on Thursday afternoon.

6. Winter Conference: December 13

The overall theme is "Dealing with the Culture of Violence" and will include both plenary sessions and breakout sessions. Concern was expressed that this may not be a topic of interest to everyone, especially judges with civil jurisdiction; however, since the goal of the December conference is to keep it specialized and thereby limit the numbers, it was agreed that this topic is appropriate. Possible break out sessions include: rage management and resources, domestic violence, workplace violence, gangs and youth violence, and personal and court security/terrorism.

7. Developing Tools for Evaluation and Needs Assessments.

Bruce Embrey proposed that we invite Dr. Phillips to our next Committee Retreat to discuss enhancing our evaluation instruments and needs assessment tools.

8. Additional items for discussion.

Bill Hughes and Jane Seigel announced the Board of Directors has requested input from the Education Committee on whether the Judicial Center should co-sponsor a Juvenile Law Conference with the Indiana State Bar Association. This request was prompted by introduced legislation that would have created a Juvenile Law Study Commission;

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however, no official action has been taken with respect to the creation of a Commission to rewrite the Juvenile Code. Therefore, the Committee decided not to proceed with the idea of a conference at this time.

9. Next Meeting.

*The next meeting of the Education Committee will be **Friday, June 14, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.***

This meeting will precede the Judicial Conference Board of Directors, which has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. that same day. Subcommittees will be unable to meet in the morning.

Respectfully submitted,

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